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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 19:50:58 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: (none)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <9310082304.AA07589@ucsd.edu> jgtoth@attmail.COM (Jozsef G Toth)
writes:
>help

Jozsef, can you be a little more specific?

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 19:10:31 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: AMATEURS ON USENET
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <JMILLER.930ct4090122@atilla.afit.af.mil> jmiller@atilla.afit.af.mil
(Jeff Miller, Homer Simpson's alter ego) writes:

>In article <1993Sep28.1@ve6mgs.ampr.org> mark@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca (Mark Gregory
Salyzyn) writes:

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just as KH3 (Johnston Island) is not part of district 3, or
just as KH4 (Midway Island) is not part of district 4, et cetera...

Jeff NH6IL (back in the days when Capt. Cook discovered
the Hawaiian Islands: WA6QIJ)

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 20:27:34 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: AMATEURS ON USENET
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CEn99J.4vA@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff
Herman) writes:

>In article <JMILLER.930ct4090122@atilla.afit.af.mil> jmiller@atilla.afit.af.mil
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Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 19:57:34 GMT
From: haven.umd.edu!cs.umd.edu!afterlife!blackbird.afit.af.mil!blackbird!
jmillier@uunet.uu.net
Subject: AMATEURS ON USENET
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CEn99J.4vA@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

(my original post noting being bumped from last place in district 6 on the hams-on-usenet list deleted)

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Aw geez. That's what I get for being in a hurry to make a semi-humorous comment on a dry subject :-). Guess I should have said "last place in the sixth grouping of US hams on the list" or something...from the looks of how the list is put together, KH1's would get lumped into the first district, etc., etc. Maybe I should let Mark speak for himself on how the list is put together (if anyone's still reading by now).

Then again, Jeff, as an OF like me (BTW, did the good Cap'n have a 500kHz CW distress rig?), you should remember that prior to the Great Callsign Rehash of 1978, all Pacific stations had a "6" in their calls (KC6, KG6, KX6, etc.) and thus were "part of the sixth district". Must have been that portion of the wetware kicking in to post, yeah, that's the ticket...

Still trying to find a decent plate lunch here in sunny Dayton,

Jeff

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Jeff Miller, NH6ZW/N8, AFA1HE (ex WD6CQV, AFA8JM, AFA1D0)
AFIT School of Engineering, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. Help eliminate FOD.
Welcome to Ohio: Our state flower is the orange highway construction barrel.
55: It's not a good idea; it's just the law. E-mail me about the NMA.

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 19:47:21 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: Gang Initiation B.S.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2405@arrl.org> bbattles@arrl.org (Brian Battles WS10) writes:

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Subject: Mawrisse

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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>>>cowan@rubicon.org (Darin Cowan) writes:

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>>>(a debat which has centred around the intellectual capacity of code and
>>> no-code types) CANNOT EVEN SPELL THE NAME OF THE ISSUE AT HAND! That
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Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 01:45:33 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!csus.edu!netcom.com!
fmitch@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Mawrisse

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

hey... i used CW Morse today... i heard a weak station on +/-432.050mhz
calling cq using CW Morse... the call was ve3ont... i am in alabama...

so that is pretty good dx for these parts... 'course, he was using
a modest 43 meter diameter dish and the satellite oscar 0...
i was using a 22 element yagi.. unfortunately he didn't hear me calling
him back on CW Morse... could it be that my CW Morse was lacking???
... or maybe it was my antenna, or my receiver, surely not my well
practiced and fluent CW Morse... really, my keyer does still work ;-)
... maybe what i have been hearing here on the net is true... dx
does still use CW Morse at times...

mitch

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fmitch@netcom.com
Felton Mitchell, WA4OSR in Mobile, Alabama USA
co-sysop for W4IAX bbs running fbb ... sysop for WA4OSR DXCluster in Mobile..

Date: Sat, 09 Oct 1993 18:13:48 -0600
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!spool.mu.edu!umn.edu!kksys.com!edgar!tdkt!
FredGate@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Motorola Moxy help!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have a Motorola "moxy" vhf radio. I know nothing about it!
It's a new looking radio I bought at a garage sale. (the people had a
gas station & this radio in the truck) It cost me \$20
& I got 2 radios 1 mobile & 1 base with a power supply (heavy motorla)
the base came with a neat desk mic. (I saw it for \$140 at the local
2-way store), but they said I couldn't put It on 2m amateur band.
Nothing is impossable.

If you know anything about it leave me a msg. (here)

* Origin: HAM>link< RBBS 612/HAM-0000 Saint Paul, MN [K0TG] (1:282/100)

Date: 9 Oct 93 15:15:46 GMT
From: ddsww1!indep1!clifto@uunet.uu.net
Subject: MOTOROLA
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <johng-081093164343@sce16.comm.mot.com> johng@ecs.comm.mot.com (John
Gilbert) writes:

>So does this mean that you feel it is alright to modify those files on my
>IBM mainframe that tell the operating system that I have paid the yearly
>license fee?

From a software and copyright point of view, yes it is all right, provided there are no contractual agreements to the contrary.

From a broad legal standpoint, it would probably constitute fraud, intent to defraud, and breach of (the monetary portions of) their contract with IBM.

(Disclaimer: I am not a lawyer except when my significant other has a fantasy she wants to play out.)

So, remember not to modify the portions of your Motorola radio that tell the radio firmware that you've paid your yearly license fee, everyone. :-)

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|  Cliff Sharp  |      clifto@indep1.chi.il.us   OR  clifto@indep1.uucp   |
|    WA9PDM    |      Use whichever one works                               |
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Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 00:24:33 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!news.miami.edu!
usenet.ufl.edu!mailer.cc.fsu.edu!freenet.scri.fsu.edu!dodsonm@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: New HF Rig
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

burke_br@adcae1.comm.mot.com (Bruce Burke Sp App) writes:

> }I think Ten-Tec will go away soon. They have dropped dealers. OK, they
> }have some valid complaints.
> }
> Actually, their sales went up when the dropped the dealers.
>
> Bruce, WB4YUC, e1 YUCCO. ..
>

Gateway 2000 and Dell do not have dealers and they manage to push some high tech gear off the loading dock.

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Michael Dodson Internet: dodsonm@freenet.scri.fsu.edu
2305 Forsythe Court Packet: N4JEL@N0ARY.#nocal.ca.usa.na
Tallahassee FL 32308 USA "To err is human, but it feels divine." Mae West

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 19:06:45 GMT

From: sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!csn!teal.csn.org!dfeldman@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Radio Shack SWR Meters
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <931008115209_4@ccm.hf.intel.com> Cecil_A_Moore@ccm.hf.INTel.COM (Cecil A Moore) writes:

>>...just how good are the Radio Shack SWR meters (21-523 and 21-524).

>>Douglas J Renze, N0YVW

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>Douglas, I've got one that I use for mobile work. I've compared it to
>the cross-needle SWR meter built into my MFJ antenna tuner and it's close
>enough for government work.

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>73, kg7bk@indirect.com

I use one on 2M and it's very close to my bird 43. I torched the diodes once;
I replaced them with 1N914's and it still works OK but it's not as sensitive
on lower bands.

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 18:57:22 GMT
From: world!slm@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Saturn and 2 meters
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

...no, not the planet, the car :-)

Just wondering if anyone out there has experience using/installing
2-meter equipment (or HF, for that matter), in a Saturn. After the horror
stories I've heard from Toyota owners, I'd like to ask around before I
put any equipment in my new car.

Thanks!

73, Sharon KC1YR

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electronic address: slm@world.std.com

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 1993 20:06:24 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!uchinews!cs.umd.edu!afterlife!blackbird.afit.af.mil!blackbird!jmillier@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Stupid Field Day tricks (was: Re: AAUUUUGGGHHHH!!!)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CEI8n5.JFy@feenix.metronet.com> henrys@feenix.metronet.com (Henry B Smith) writes:

One field day, I set up my trusty satellite station in my Volkswagen camper there at the fd site. After a couple of unsuccessful passes, someone pointed out that the 10 meter beam was pointing the opposite direction from the 2 meter beam. Ever tried to work a satellite via *long path*?

OK, folks, let's let it all hang out. What's the biggest doofer you've pulled on a Field Day? I'll throw a small one out...

A few years ago, at a FD site which shall remain nameless, I drove up just as some of the crew were hauling the center of an inverted Vee up a 40' mast. Noticed that something was missing, but couldn't figure out what. Then it dawned on me, and I walked up to the guy pulling on the rope and said:

"Don't you think you might want to put a feedline on that antenna?"

Later that night, we tried to put up a 160m dipole in the dark. We thought we had it in the air, but noticed the SWR was a bit on the high side. At dawn, we figured it out: one leg of the dipole was wrapped around a guy wire, with the leftover portion laying on the ground.

73,

Jeff

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Jeff Miller, NH6ZW/N8, AFA1HE (ex WD6CQV, AFA8JM, AFA1D0)
AFIT School of Engineering, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. Help eliminate FOD.
Welcome to Ohio: Our state flower is the orange highway construction barrel.
55: It's not a good idea; it's just the law. E-mail me about the NMA.

Date: 9 Oct 1993 21:51:24 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!
wvhorn@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Thanks to ARRL
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am happy to say that I passed all the elements to become a general class operator today, and while I'm still in a good mood (before I start thinking about how long I'm going to have to wait on the FCC)

I wanted to say a big "thank you" to all the gang at the ARRL.

The ARRL VECs who ran the test session were helpful and friendly, even beyond what I expected; the W1AW code practice is what got me up to 15 WPM on morris; the ARRL license manuals are superb study tools; and finally, a special thanks to Jim Kearman, Jon Bloom, Luck Hurder, et. al. who hang out here on Usenet and over there on Compuserve and who kept my interest in amateur radio peaked every time I stumbled over another interminable code-no-code flamewar and wondered whether I **really** wanted to have anything to do with those bozos.

Oh yes, and special mention to Luck Hurder for the ARRL Info Server which was a fantastic resource when it started and just keeps getting better.

I don't care what Wayne Greene says, if it weren't for ARRL I doubt that I would be holding my CSCEs today. Thanks.

---Bill VanHorne

(who should have a call sign in eight weeks except that eight weeks from now puts us into the holiday season and so who realistically expects to get on the air by February 94)

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 02:22:06 GMT
From: psinntp!isc-newsserver!jdc3538@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Turning in RFI generating PC's to FCC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I recently purchased a mail-order PC with a poorly shielded case. (The plastic cover had no conductive coating, ferrite beads were noticeably absent on the PC and poorly placed inside the keyboard, etc.) It could be picked up on 2-meters (with the antenna outside), 880-900 mhz (scanner in the next room), shortwave, etc. The PC registered at S-7 on a handheld transceiver 3 feet away (with a rubber duckie antenna, no less).

The folks who assembled and sold it were no help, and denied knowlege of something as technical as radio waves. "It's FCC certified, sir. We send it to lab and they approve it." Another good line is, "Our radio work just fine and we have many machine." Of course they're listening to the 50,000 watt FM station three blocks down the road.

Anyway, I turned them in to the FCC. Here's how you do it:
- Call the local FCC field office. If it isn't in your phone book

call the Federal Information number, 800-366-2998.

- The field office asked me to dial up the FCC part-15-info BBS, the "FCC Public Access Link", and find out if the FCC ID number listed on the machine is for real. The phone number for the FCC BBS is 301-725-1072. It's 2400 baud, with no login/password required.

- The BBS has all kinds of neat stuff, but you want to look up the FCC ID number on the back of your PC. Enter option 1 for "Access Equipment Authorization Database", then 1 at the next menu for "Equipment Authorization Application Status." You will then be prompted for the equipment's FCC ID number.

In the case of my 486-DX66/2, the FCC registration number was from a 486-25 (DX or SX wasn't specified, nor was the type of cabinet). I reported this to the local field office, along with the FCC registration number and the company's name/address. The FCC engineer (who was most pleasant and helpful) pointed out that many of these companies have one machine certified, then sell everything under the sun using that number.

Will any of this do any good? Perhaps, perhaps not. But if we just continue to ignore the problem it certainly won't get any better.

73...Jim
N2VNO

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 00:24:10 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Oct5.151123.16722@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>,
<CEFYBp.30y@cbnewsm.cb.att.com>, <1993Oct6.160449.14770@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>~
Subject : Re: Codeless Tech Debate

In article <1993Oct6.160449.14770@rsg1.er.usgs.gov> bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov (Tom Bodoh) writes:

>In article <CEFYBp.30y@cbnewsm.cb.att.com>, jeffj@cbnewsm.cb.att.com
(jeffrey.n.jones) writes:

>|>...

>|> very little money and have a great time with CW at 1 watt. It's a major
>|> part of ham radio and no matter how much the the anti-CW types wish
>|> this wasn't true that's the way it is. 73!

>|>

>|> Jeff

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>You state that as fact, but it is only an opinion. The facts are;
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> It has been an integral part of Ham radio since it's inception.
> It's popularity is waning.
> Other services (maritime, etc) are dropping it.
> Other countries are dropping it.

I didn't realize the maritime service did CW at 1 watt! And now you say they're dropping it - to less than 1 watt? Other countries are dropping to below 1 watt, too? Gee, everyone will be working QRPP soon (QRPP = less than 1 watt).

Seriously Tom, I have to take issue with your one remark concerning the popularity of CW waning. A couple months ago someone took an informal poll on here asking us to submit to him our percentage of time spent on the various modes. As I recall, VHF-FM ranked highest followed VERY closely by CW. Maybe that person could kindly repost the results of his survey.

Jeff NH6IL (back when there was no code/no-code debate: WA6QIJ)

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